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E.O. 11652: G/DS

TAGS: CO, PINS

SUBJECT: LITIGATION ON CURTIS KIDNAPPING CASE

1. DONALD KLEIN, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY FOR BEATRICE FOODS, TELEPHONED THE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 18 CONCERNING THE CIVIL SUIT FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE COMPANY INITIATED BY GUSTAVO CURTIS. KLEIN SAID HE EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO BOGOTA DURING THE PERIOD MAY 2-6 ACCOMPANIED BY A BEATRICE FOODS ATTORNEY, (FNU) BIXLER. KLEIN AND BIXLER HOPED TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CURTIS KIDNAPPING WITH DCM DREXLER, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR GIBSON AND RSO BOWYER.

2. KLEIN SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED EMBASSY OFFICERS REGARDING CERTAIN FACTS IN THE CASE AS THEY KNOW THEM. KLEIN INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH  
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JUST TALKING TO THE THREE INDIVIDUALS. KLEIN ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING RSO BOWYER'S PREDECESSOR IN BOGOTA FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

3. AFTER CONSULTING THE LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OFFICER INFORMED KLEIN THAT THE CITED EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE FREE TO DISCUSS THE CURTIS CASE WITH

BEATRICE FOODS OFFICIALS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF DEALING WITH

MATERIAL PROTECTED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652 (CLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY). THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF ANY SIGNED STATEMENTS THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE. CHRISTOPHER

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